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CIVIL SERVICE REFORM IN ENGLAND.

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The eighteenth letter of GAIL HAMILTON to the editor of the New York  *Tribune* on civil service reform contains a number of gross misstatements in regard to the practical operation of the system in England which should not be allowed to go uncorrected.

It is a matter of current history that the statement made by Mr. MUNDELLA is correct in its broadest sense, and gentlemen can be found in every leading city in this country who know by personal observation that the facts are truthfully stated by him.

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No material change, however, has been made since the order of the 4th of June, 1870, was issued, by which the following principles were established:

That no person shall be appointed to any office or employment until he shall have satisfied the civil service examinations—

That he shall be within the limits of the age for the station or employment to which he desires to be admitted—

That he be free from any physical deformity which would be likely to interfere with the proper discharge of his duties.

That his character is such as to qualify him for such situation or employment, and

That he possesses the requisite knowledge and ability to enter on the discharge of his official duties.

It is further provided that the relative fitness of applicants shall be determined by competitive examinations when vacancies are to be filled, and that all appointments shall be made probatory for the term of six months. If after the end of six months the record of a candidate is satisfactory, he then receives an appointment as a permanent member of the civil service of the nation.

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But even if we admit that the testimony of the royalists proves that some in Parliament are sometimes obtained by bribery, the master is wholly irrelevant to the question at issue, which is as to whether a real reform has been effected in the civil service of the British Government.

At the beginning of this thousand column of her article Miss HAMILTON comes to the merits of the question by citing the case of Mr. PIGOTT as proof of the fact that appointments are still made for political and personal reasons in England. It is very true that Lord BRAUNSFIELD was annoyed by the House of Commons for a supposed violation of the rules governing the appointment of the lowest officer in the service of the Government. His respects applied to all members of Parliament of every party whatever. The system is a success in England, and it is useless to attempt to bring it into disrepute byreckless and unnatural statements in regard to it.

called, charges that Mr. MUNDELLA, in uttering these words, intended to deceive the American public by claiming that he had made such an appointment, on account of the civil service reform rules in force in England, whereas the real reason why he could not do so was because he was in the minority. Fortunately the integrity and sterling worth of Mr. MUNDELLA are well known in this country among all intelligent persons that none will fail for a moment to believe that he would be guilty of such a shameless act of hypocrisy as that with which he is charged by GAIL HAMILTON.

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## SOUTH CAROLINA

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Two TRAMPS have been passing the heated terms at Old Orchard Beach, Me., during the summer, and are now in Boston, where they are staying at the Hotel Atlantic, and are said to be in poor health.

MISS LUCILLE TINSLEY, daughter of the editor of the *Lynx Republican*, is achieving quite a reputation as a writer of stories. She has only just entered upon her career, and is evidently a brilliant career before her.

THE will of the late Chauncey Rose, of Terry Haile, Ind., leaves the bulk of his property and \$100,000 in cash to the Rose Polytechnic Institute, and \$100,000 to the Vicksburg Orphan Home and \$100,000 to the Vicksburg Orphan Home.

It turned out, however, upon investigation, that the appointment of Mr. PIGOTT was not made in violation of the rules governing appointments and promotions in the civil service. Mr. PIGOTT was one of six selected under the rules of that service for the present officials to act with the utmost moderation toward those who were lately in power in that State. The people of the entire country have the utmost confidence in the wisdom and justice of Gov. HARRISON, and we confidently believe he will not suffer the prosecutions under his control to be turned into persecutions.

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MARY WOODWARD is the daughter of the Lord Mayor of London, was married to the other day at St. Paul's cathedral with an enormous amount of ceremony. The young lady was attended by the nobility and gentry, and had a handsome escort, and that it was a girl with a smile around specially manufactured for the purpose.

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